

Lead Entity Advisory Group
March 29, 2006
Central Washington University
Ellensburg, WA 98926
Final Summary Notes

LEAG Attendance:	<p>Doug Osterman, WRIA 9 (King) Jeanette Dorner, Nisqually Tribe John Sims, Quinault Nation Joy Juelson, Chelan County Steve Martin, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board Bret Nine, Pend Oreille CD Paul Dorn, Kitsap LE Kathleen Peters, Kitsap LE Richard Brocksmith, Hood Canal Coordinating Council Frank Sweet, Yakima River Basin LE Richard Visser, WDFW David Bowen, Kittitas Co./Yakima River Basin LE Alan Chapman, Lummi Tribe WRIA 1 Mary Jorgenson, WRIA 8 (King) Dave McClure, Klickitat LE Nick Christoph, Okanogan LE Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 (Thurston) & WRIA 14 (Mason) Roy Huberd, Pierce County LE Lauri Vigue, WDFW Melissa Paulson, WDFW Tim Smith, WDFW Erik Neatherlin, WDFW Margen Carlson, WDFW Steve Leider, GSRO Rollie Geppert, IAC/SRFB</p>
WDFW Report	<p>Tim Smith introduced both Erik Neatherlin and Lauri Vigue. Lauri Vigue is the new WDFW Lead Entity Watershed Steward Coordinator. Lauri will be participating in policy initiatives regarding lead entities and regional salmon recovery boards across the state, she will provide support and guidance for the LEAG, and coordination of activities of the Watershed Stewardship Team.</p> <p>Erik Neatherlin has been hired to take on the Habitat Work Schedule responsibilities. Erik fills the vacant position left by Marnie Tyler. WDFW is confident in Erik's abilities and looks forward to working with him on lead entity issues.</p> <p>In recent months, two LEAG positions were vacated by Selinda Barkhuis (NOPL – '08) and Scott Jungblom (Pend Oreille – '07). WDFW wishes to thank both Scott and Selinda for their participation, as well as welcome Bret Nine (Pend Oreille LE Coordinator) and Joy Juelson (Chelan County Citizen Member) to the Advisory Group. Bret will serve the remainder of Scott's term; Joy will serve the balance of Selinda's term. In addition, the terms of three current LEAG members (Steve Martin, Jeff Breckel, Paul Dorn) will expire June 30, 2006. WDFW will begin soliciting nominations for these positions mid-May.</p>

Governor's Forum on Monitoring	Richard Brocksmith provided a brief update on PNAMP, indicating that there is no direct liaison to lead entities on this partnership. Richard called attention to a grant to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, which will be used for implementation of Status & Trends monitoring (baseline) statewide. Richard indicated that there was a possibility of more detailed briefing at the May LEAG meeting.
Habitat Work Schedules	Erik Neatherlin provided a framework for understanding the purpose and scope of Habitat Work Schedules. Erik outlined the timeline for tasks related to the development of a useable product, which included forming advisory groups for both project development and technical direction. For additional information, please see <i>HWS Presentation to LEAG</i> , as well as <i>HWS Handout</i> (attached).
Effective Mitigation	Margen Carlson outlined the effective watershed approach to mitigation, identifying the benefits of connecting salmon projects to non-traditional (non-salmon) opportunities. Suggestions to lead entity coordinators include expansion of audience beyond salmon recovery, use of regulator-friendly language, and consideration of non-salmon benefits (water quality, flow, etc.) of salmon projects. These actions will help to increase the number of potential funding sources for a given project list. For additional information, please see <i>Mitigation LEAG Presentation</i> (attached).
Estuary & Salmon Restoration in Puget Sound	Tim Smith presented an update to the Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership program. This six-year feasibility study includes assessments of nearshore areas to document existing conditions and to identify physical processes that are impaired. The study also develops recommendations for actions to address impaired conditions. Tim provided a table containing 24 projects in various stages of completeness. From this list investments can be applied to forward projects from feasibility phase, to project design, permitting and construction. www.pugetsoundnearshore.org
Lead Entity Workshop Steering Committee	Lauri Vigue presented information on the planned training workshop for lead entities. The workshop will cover effective meeting management, collaborative decision-making skills, outreach skills for sponsor recruitment and appropriate tools for lead entities to broaden their approach of salmon recovery to regional recovery efforts. WDFW will be working with IAC staff and interested lead entity representatives to form a Steering Committee for this workshop. For additional information, please see Lead Entity Training (attached) or contact Lauri directly.
Proposed 7th Grant Round Funding Cycle/ITF Results	<p>Steve Leider and Rollie Geppert presented the recommendations of the Issues Task Force (ITF) to the SRFB, as included in March 24, 2006, and March 27, 2006, memos (attached). These memos included detailed information about the allocation of funds for the 7th Round Grant Cycle, and represent a substantial change from 6th Round allocations. In addition, a preliminary schedule for 7th Round deadlines and dates was outlined by IAC.</p> <p>The thirteen lead entity representatives present indicated general support for the regional allocations recommended by the Issues Task Force. The Lead Entities, however, indicated that the recommended regional allocations should be considered only on a "trial basis", indicating that the percentages need adjusting for long-term</p>

	<p>implementation within each regional area. LEAG members, as well as the other Lead Entity representatives in attendance, made the following recommendations to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitatively assess, as part of the movement toward regional allocations, the quality of regional planning and plans, including the approach used to include lead entities and their citizen committees in the development of regional plans (the regional allocations should not be “a given”; regional areas must be doing good work in order to qualify for the regional allocations). • Preserve and bolster the viability of local lead entities as valuable components of statewide and regional salmon recovery. Regional areas must demonstrate how they will preserve and bolster the Lead Entities within regional areas. • Include a “first increment” of funding directly to all Lead Entities. Consider the regional allocation as the “second increment” of funding. Nine Lead Entity representatives, including several who supported the recommendations of the ITF, voted to include a “first increment” as part of the 2006 SRFB funding cycle. <p><i>Note: The above recommendations were made to the SRFB by LEAG Chair, Doug Osterman, at its April 6 and 7 meeting in La Conner, Washington.</i></p>
Next Meeting Dates	<p>Monday, May 22, 2006. Tacoma Public Library, Tacoma.</p> <p>Monday, August 21, 2006. Location TBA (Western Washington).</p>